

# **COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

#### DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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October 29, 2002

The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

CHANGES IN WORK FOR PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 1, 2, 4, AND 5 3 VOTES

#### IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Find that the requested changes in work have no significant effect on the environment and approve the changes for the following construction contracts:

Project ID No. FMD0002021 - Channel Right of Way Clearing 2002, East Maintenance Area, at various locations within the County of Los Angeles (1 and 5), United Pacific Services, Inc., in amount of \$38,700.

Project ID No. RDC0011003 - Sepulveda Boulevard/Pacific Coast Highway, in various cities between El Segundo and Long Beach (4), Carlos Villegas Electric, Inc., in amount of \$7,500.

Project ID No. RDC0013528 - Curb Ramps, Supervisorial District 1, Maintenance District 4, Project VII, vicinities of City Terrace and East Los Angeles (1), Ranco Corporation, in amount of \$15,433.

Project ID No. RMD5547021 - Short Trail, et al., vicinity of Santa Clarita (5), California Pavement Maintenance Company, Inc., in amount of \$17,907.08.

Project ID No. RMD5567081 - Starling Street, et al., vicinity of Palmdale (5), Asphalt Construction Co., Inc., in amount of \$26,822.

CC 7597 - South and West Whittier Street Sweeping, vicinities of Santa Fe Springs and Whittier (1 and 4), Nationwide Environmental Services, in amount of \$213,400.80.

CC 7767 - Valinda, Hacienda Heights Street Sweeping, in the east area of the County (1, 4, and 5), Nationwide Environmental Services, in amount of \$149,659.92.

CC 7768 - Azusa, Covina, Claremont Street Sweeping, in the east area of the County (1 and 5), R. F. Dickson Company, Inc., in amount of \$124,500.

CC 8194 - Del Amo Boulevard at Alameda Street, City of Carson (2), Modern Continental/Roadway Joint Venture, in amount of a credit of \$46,853.59.

#### PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

This action is to obtain Board approval for changes in public works contracts in support of the timely completion of the projects while avoiding delays and the potential for claims. The descriptions of the changes, estimated costs, and necessary time extensions are listed in the enclosure for each contract.

The Director of Public Works has been authorized by your Board to order changes in work up to \$10,000 for construction contracts. Enclosed for your ratification is a change in work which I ordered for Project ID No. RDC0011003.

Also enclosed for your authorization are changes in work in excess of my delegated limits which are required to complete Project ID Nos. FMD0002021, RDC0013528, RMD5547021, and RMD5567081; and Cash Contracts 7597, 7767, 7768, and 8194.

#### Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Approval of these changes in work, which are necessary to satisfactorily complete the projects, is consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence since the improved infrastructure will better serve the public.

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#### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The estimated change order amounts for these contracts range from a credit of \$46,853.59 to an increase of \$213,400.80.

If these changes in work are not approved, contract completion will be delayed and increased costs incurred.

Sufficient funds are available in the Board-approved appropriations for each of the respective projects to cover the costs of the requested changes. Detailed cost breakdowns for each of the changes, together with contract cost summaries, are included in the enclosures.

#### FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Each of the subject contracts for the construction of public works improvements was awarded by your Board to the lowest responsible bidder in accordance with the California Public Contract Code, your Board's directives, and as recommended by the Director of Public Works.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The changes in work as described above and in the enclosures are within the limits of the Board-approved projects and do not change any conditions which resulted in the original environmental findings.

#### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

Each contract provides that the contractor be compensated for changes in the work as a result of changes to the original plans and specifications or changed conditions encountered during the course of construction. The costs of each of the changes are based on contract unit prices, time and materials methods, or negotiated under the provisions of the contract specifications. The methods for arriving at the costs of the changes are included in the enclosures.

#### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

Approval of the requested changes by your Board will ensure the timely completion of work under each of the respective contracts and result in complete and usable facilities.

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# **CONCLUSION**

Please return one approved copy of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES A. NOYES Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office County Counsel Office of Affirmative Action Compliance

PROJECT ID NO. FMD0002021, CHANNEL RIGHT OF WAY CLEARING 2002, EAST MAINTENANCE AREA (at various locations within the County of Los Angeles), Supervisorial Districts 1 and 5, Contractor: United Pacific Services, Inc.

# **Project Description:**

Clearing and removal of trash, vegetation, and debris from various channel rights of way.

# Change in Work:

Clearing of Arroyo Seco Channel

\$38,700.00

# **Description of Change:**

It will be necessary to trim the trees and remove the trash and vegetation along the Arroyo Seco Channel from the Colorado Street bridge to the Los Angeles River. This work is not included in the original contract. The cost for this change was negotiated as provided in Subsection 3-2 of the contract specifications.

Fifteen additional working days will be required because of this change.

#### **Revised Contract Amount:**

Original contact amount	\$391,067.00
Change in work to be authorized	38,700.00

Revised contract amount \$429,767.00

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# CHANGE IN WORK (RATIFY) October 29, 2002

PROJECT ID NO. RDC0011003, SEPULVEDA BOULEVARD/PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY (in various cities between El Segundo and Long Beach), Supervisorial District 4, Contractor: Carlos Villegas Electric, Inc.

# **Project Description:**

Synchronization of traffic signals and reconstruction of a median.

# Change in Work:

Additional Exploratory Excavations

\$7,500.00

# **Description of Change:**

Additional exploratory excavations will be required to locate utilities at the intersection of Pacific Coast Highway and Herando-Anita Street. The cost for this work was based on the stipulated price in the contract specifications.

No additional working days were required because of this change.

#### Revised Contract Amount:

Original contract amount	\$535,854.50
Change in work to be ratified	<u>7,500.00</u>

Revised contract amount \$543,354.50

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PROJECT ID NO. RDC0013528, CURB RAMPS, SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 1, MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 4, PROJECT VII (in the vicinities of City Terrace and East Los Angeles), Supervisorial District 1, Contractor: Ranco Corporation

# **Project Description:**

Construction of curb ramps; reconstruction of curb, gutter, sidewalk, and driveways; and removal and trimming of parkway trees.

## **Changes in Work:**

Variations in Bid Quantities

\$15,433.00

# **Description of Changes:**

The original contract amount is based upon estimated quantities of the various bid items. The contractor is paid based upon actual quantities used. The increase in contract price reflects the net adjustment due to variations between estimated bid quantities and actual quantities. The costs for these changes were based on contract unit prices.

No additional working days will be required because of these changes.

#### **Revised Contract Amount:**

Original contract amount	\$613,052.00
Changes in work previously approved	
by the Board	13,000.00
Changes in work to be authorized	<u> 15,433.00</u>
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Revised contract amount	\$ <u>641,485.00</u>

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<u>PROJECT ID NO. RMD5547021, SHORT TRAIL, ET AL.</u> (in the vicinity of Santa Clarita), Supervisorial District 5, Contractor: California Pavement Maintenance Company, Inc.

# **Project Description:**

Slurry sealing of roadway pavement.

Changes in Work:

Variations in Bid Quantities

\$17,907.08

# **Description of Changes:**

The original contract amount is based upon estimated quantities of the various bid items. The contractor is paid based upon actual quantities used. The increase in contract price reflects the net adjustment due to variations between estimated bid quantities and actual quantities. The costs for these changes were based on contract unit prices.

No additional working days will be required because of these changes.

#### Revised Contract Amount:

Original contract amount	\$247,001.40
Changes in work to be authorized	<u> 17,907.08</u>

FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT \$264,908.48

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PROJECT ID NO. RMD5567081, STARLING STREET, ET AL. (in the vicinity of Palmdale), Supervisorial District 5, Contractor: Asphalt Construction Co., Inc.

## **Project Description:**

Reconstruction and resurfacing of roadway pavement.

## Changes in Work:

(1)	Variations in Bid Quantities	\$ 6,791.00
(2)	Extra Work - Remove and Replace Unsuitable Materials	20,031.00
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	Total	\$ <u>26,822.00</u>

#### **Description of Changes:**

- (1) The original contract amount is based upon estimated quantities of the various bid items. The contractor is paid based upon actual quantities used. The increase in contract price reflects the net adjustment due to variations between estimated bid quantities and actual quantities.
- (2) Due to the high moisture content in the subgrade at several locations, it will be necessary to replace the wet material with crushed miscellaneous base and geotextile fabric.

The costs for Item 1 and a portion of the cost for Item 2 will be based on contract unit prices. The balance of the cost for Item 2 will be based on time and materials methods as provided in Subsection 3-3 of the contract specifications.

Seven additional working days will be required because of these changes.

#### **Revised Contract Amount:**

Original contract amount	\$698,452.40
Changes in work previously approved	
by the Board	35,000.00
Changes in work to be authorized	26,822.00
Revised contract amount	\$ <u>760,274.40</u>

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CASH CONTRACT 7597, SOUTH AND WEST WHITTIER STREET SWEEPING (in the vicinities of Santa Fe Springs and Whittier), Supervisorial Districts 1 and 4, Contractor: Nationwide Environmental Services

# **Project Description:**

Weekly sweeping of curbed streets, curbed medians, and improved alleys.

# Changes in Work:

(1) (2)	Sweeping of Streets and Alleys - Extension of Contract Increased Cost for Sweeping of Streets, Medians, and Alleys	\$161,013.60 <u>52,387.20</u>
	Total	\$213.400.80

## Description of Changes:

- (1) It will be necessary to extend the current contract eight months until a new contract is in place.
- (2) Since the contractor will be providing sweeping services beyond the original contract duration, he is entitled to be paid for increased costs.

The cost for Item 1 will be based on the contract unit price. The cost for Item 2 was negotiated in accordance with the contract specifications.

#### **Revised Contract Amount:**

Original contract amount	\$	643,929.00
Changes in work previously approved		
by the Board		476,192.74
Changes in work to be authorized	<u>-</u>	213,400.80
Revised contract amount	\$ <u>1</u>	,333,522.54

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## CASH CONTRACT 7767, VALINDA, HACIENDA HEIGHTS STREET SWEEPING

(in the east area of the County), Supervisorial Districts 1, 4, and 5,

Contractor: Nationwide Environmental Services

#### Project Description:

Weekly sweeping of streets and alleys.

## Changes in Work:

(1)	Sweeping of Streets and Alleys - Extension of Contract	\$121,356.36
(2)	Increased Cost for Sweeping of Streets and Alleys	<u> 28,303.56</u>
	Total	\$ <u>149,659.92</u>

## **Description of Changes:**

- (1) It will be necessary to extend the current contract eight months until a new contract is in place.
- (2) Since the contractor will be providing sweeping services beyond the original contract duration, he is entitled to be paid for increased costs.

The cost for Item 1 will be based on the contract unit price. The cost for Item 2 was negotiated in accordance with the contract specifications.

#### **Revised Contract Amount:**

Original contract amount	\$525,877.56
Changes in work previously approved	
by the Board	45,390.30
Changes in work to be authorized	<u>149,659.92</u>
Revised contract amount	\$ <u>720,927.78</u>

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## CASH CONTRACT 7768, AZUSA, COVINA, CLAREMONT STREET SWEEPING

(in the east area of the County), Supervisorial Districts 1 and 5,

Contractor: R. F. Dickson Company, Inc., a corporation

## **Project Description:**

Weekly sweeping of streets and alleys.

## Changes in Work:

(1) (2)	Sweeping of Streets and Alleys - Extension of Contract Increased Cost for Sweeping of Streets and Alleys	\$ 89,474.00 <u>35,026.00</u>
	Total	\$ <u>124,500.00</u>

## **Description of Change:**

- (1) It will be necessary to extend the current contract eight months until a new contract is in place.
- (2) Since the contractor will be providing sweeping services beyond the original contract duration, he is entitled to be paid for increased costs.

The cost for Item 1 will be based on the contract unit price. The cost for Item 2 was negotiated in accordance with the contract specifications.

#### **Revised Contract Amount:**

Original contract amount	\$348,107.76
Changes in work previously approved	
by the Board	26,842.20
Changes in work to be authorized	124,500.00
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Revised contract amount	\$ <u>499,449.96</u>

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#### CASH CONTRACT 8194, DEL AMO BOULEVARD AT ALAMEDA STREET

(City of Carson), Supervisorial District 2,

Contractor: Modern Continental/Roadway Joint Venture

#### Project Description:

Construction of a bridge over the Alameda Corridor, including roadway widening and reconstruction, a storm drain system, traffic signals, street lighting, and landscaping.

## Changes in Work:

(1) Delete Bid Item No. 231 - Install Sign (\$173,850.00)

(2) Additional Cost due to Deletion of Bid Items 231 (Install Sign) and 222.11 (Pile Load Test)

126,996.41

Total (\$\(\frac{46,853.59}{\}\)

# **Description of Changes:**

(1 and 2) During construction of the project, it was necessary to delete two bid items, one for pile load testing and another for installing signs. The deletion of the pile testing was approved by your Board on September 3, 2002, with a credit to the contract in the amount of \$56,000. The deletion of the sign work is included with this request with a credit in the amount of \$173,850. However, necessary last-minute price adjustments made by the contractor moments before the bids were due resulted in a disproportionate allocation of the project costs for these two items. The contractor submitted documents showing that the actual costs of the deleted items are considerably lower than the bid prices. Therefore, it is appropriate to credit the contractor for the amount of the deduction that exceeds the reasonable costs of the items deleted. The cost for Item 1 is based on the contract unit price and the cost for Item 2 was negotiated as provided in Subsection 3-2 of the contract specifications.

No additional working days will be required because of these changes.

# **Revised Contract Amount:**

Original contract amount	\$15,704,777.00
Changes in work previously approved	
by the Board	2,858,254.57
Changes in work to be authorized	<u>(46,853.59</u> )
Revised contract amount	\$ <u>18,516,177.98</u>

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